

Sharp Shooters

Photos by Al Vogel

DUGWAY Proving Ground's primary mission is to test defenses against biological and chemical warfare agents. The Army installation, located in Utah, covers nearly 800,000 acres and is 40 miles and a mountain range away from the nearest town. Al Vogel, the public affairs officer for the installation, recently photographed the DPG's civilian firefighters training to fight potential propane and natural gas fires.

A Dugway firefighter directs spray against the "Christmas tree," a training device that can produce flames up to 35 feet high.



An initial blast of water helps cool down a blazing propane tank.



Dugway firefighters are silhouetted against the massive flames of the "Christmas tree." The valve, seen along the feeder line, must be turned off to extinguish the flames.

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